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S.B. No. 1080

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the adequacy and appropriateness of additional compensation paid to certain county judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. (a) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall conduct a study to determine the adequacy and appropriateness of additional compensation paid to a county judge of a constitutional county court who:

(1) serves in a county that does not have a county court at law; and

(2) has at least jurisdiction of:

(A) Class A and Class B misdemeanor cases;

(B) probate matters;

(C) guardianship matters; and

(D) matters of mental health under Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code.

(b) In conducting the study, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall prepare a report on the results of the study and recommendations on methods to improve compensation for county judges described by Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Not later than November 1, 2014, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall submit a copy of the report prepared under Subsection (b) of this section to the

1 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
2 and the chairs of the appropriate committees of the legislature
3 with jurisdiction over the judiciary.

4 SECTION 2. This Act expires January 1, 2016.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.